

Report on work of the Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)

December 2021

Submitted by Carole McDougall

Vice Chair, BoPC

Background

The Canadian Association of Police Governance is a national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance. Founded in 1989, it is the national voice of civilian oversight of municipal police. CAPG serves its members with training and networking opportunities, collaborates with police service leaders and associations as well as federal, provincial and municipal governments. The Board of Directors of CAPG is made up of two members from each province (three from Ontario) as well as three First Nations members, all focused on governance of police services in their province. First Nations members are focused on the role of governance for Self-Administered Police Services on reserve. Each province proposes members who are elected for two-year terms at the annual general meeting held in August or late September.

Nova Scotia's two representatives are chosen and recommended by the NSAPG. Generally, one member represents Halifax or Sydney (the two largest commissions) and the other is from another municipal commission. Currently, Wayne Talbot, Deputy Mayor, Truro and Chair of the Truro Police Commission and Carole McDougall, Vice Chair, Halifax Board of Police Commissioners, represent Nova Scotia on the national board.

December 2021 Update

The new CAPG Board of Directors representing police boards and commissions across Canada has received orientation and committees have been assigned to members. The first meeting will be held in January 2022.

The presentation on Community Safety and Well-Being during the fall conference generated considerable interest leading to an extended presentation on November 24. The three-hour webinar featured Dr. Alina Turner, CEO of Helpseeker Technologies along with Marty Thomson from Lethbridge, responsible for developing and managing strategies to ensure community and public safety. Lethbridge is integrating social support services to provide collaboration and cooperation amongst organizations engaged in supporting people.

CAPG is planning to hold an in-person conference in Saskatoon in early September 2022. There is interest in determining if Halifax is able to host the **2023** or the **2024** national conference. There is a fee for hosting and the national organization recruits additional sponsorships. I plan to bring a motion before the BoPC in January to request support for a proposal to CAPG to outline the potential opportunity for hosting. Often the CAPG conference is held in the days prior to the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police conference (CACP). I understand there is national interest in Halifax hosting CACP in 2024. I'll explore that possibility further as I prepare the motion.

The final webinar for 2021 was held on December 7, 2021. It featured Jacqueline Edwards, president of the Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) presenting on diversity and inclusion within police services.

A schedule for 2022 is being developed and will be circulated as soon as it is finalized.

During the BoPC work plan day, there was a question about what other boards across the country do to engage with community. A brief survey is being developed for all national CAPG members to gain a better understanding of how others across the country are connecting to their unique communities.

Reminder of monthly webinars available to Halifax BoPC

CAPG Monthly Information/Education Webinars

CAPG offers a webinar series each year and as the BoPC is a member, we are able to purchase the series for \$1000. This will allow any member of the BoPC or police service, access on the day of the webinar or to the archive if schedules conflict with the date of the live webinar. The list of topics for 2021 are below.

2021 Sessions

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 12 EST

Victims Rights and Police Governance: What should Police be Doing?

with *Heidi Illingworth, Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime*

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 12 EST

Effective Evaluation of Police Leadership

with *Ryan Teschner, Executive Director, Toronto Police Services Board*

March

A Conversation with Ontario's First Inspector General of Policing

with *Devon Clunis (TBC)*

April

Responding to a Call to Defund Police

with *Akwasi Owusu-Bempah, University of Toronto (TBC)*

May

Privacy Issues & Technology in Policing

with *Teresa Scassa, University of Ottawa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law and Policy (TBC)*

June

Manitoba Police Act Review & Recommendations

with *Andrew Minor, Executive Director Manitoba Police Commission*

Rick Linden, University of Manitoba

and

Cal Corley, CSKA

July

Municipal Council & Police Governance – Legal Boundaries, Guidelines & Ethics

with *Glenn Christie (TBC)*

August

Tiered Policing in Canada

with *Dr. Dennis Cooler, former Executive Director of the Law Commission of Canada (TBC)*

September 20

Leadership and Decision Making in Policing

with *Tullio Caputo and Tarah Hodgkinson (TBC)*

October 12

Shifting the RCMP to a Municipal Service – Lessons Learned on the Way

with *Melissa Granum, Executive Director, Surrey Police Board (TBC)*

November

Police Recruiting – Developing the most Effective Strategy for a Reflective Service

Speaker to be announced

December

Police Board Governance – A Primer to Brush up on your Basics

with *Andrew Graham, Queen's University*